CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE SB 1117 - HB 1810

March 12, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes Davidson County to enact an ordinance imposing an additional 1% increase in the hotel/motel tax. Changes the allocation of the existing hotel/motel tax in Davidson County.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 6, 2007 we issued a fiscal note on this bill which indicated a not significant increase in local government expenditures and other fiscal impact – There will be no change in revenues to local governments according to the provisions of this bill. There will be a shift in the way current revenues are earmarked. Currently, 1% of the hotel/motel tax in Davidson County is credited to a dedicated fund earmarked for tourist-related uses. For FY04-05 total collections dedicated to that account were approximately \$4,000,000. Under the provisions of this bill the \$4,000,000 would be earmarked as follows:

1/3 for the promotion of tourism - approximately \$1,333,333
1/2 for the construction of a convention center - approximately \$2,000,000
1/6 to the general fund - approximately \$666,667

The corrected estimated fiscal impact is:

(CORRECTED)

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$4,000,000/Permissive
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant/Permissive

Other Fiscal Impact – There will be a shift in the way current revenues are earmarked. Prior to the adoption of the ordinance by the Metropolitan Council authorized by the bill, current revenues of \$20,000,000 will be allocated as follows:

1/3 for the promotion of tourism – approximately \$6,667,000
1/3 for the convention center replacement fund– approximately
\$6,667,000

1/3 to the general fund - approximately \$6,667,000

Following the adoption of a local ordinance authorizing an additional 1% increase in the hotel/motel tax, the bill provides two conflicting scenarios as to the apportionment of the total projected revenues of \$24,000,000.

Under the scenario provided by the amended version of T.C.A. §7-4-110(b) in section one of the bill, all of the proceeds of the tax (including the additional 1%) authorized pursuant to Title 7 Chapter 4 (hotel/motel tax) will be apportioned as follows:

- 1/3 for the promotion of tourism approximately \$8,000,000
- 1/2 for the construction of a convention center approximately \$12,000,000
- 1/6 to the general fund approximately \$4,000,000

Under the scenario provided by the amended version of T.C.A. §7-4-102(b)(2) found in section three of the bill, following the adoption of the additional 1% tax, the entire additional 1% increase would be dedicated to the "Convention Center Fund" and the existing tax revenues would be apportioned to tourism, the convention center and the general fund. The entire apportionment under the provisions of this section would be:

The entire amount of the 1% tax increase would go to the "Convention Center Fund" – approximately \$4,000,000

The \$20,000,000 currently collected would be apportioned:

1/3 for the promotion of tourism – approximately \$6,667,000 1/2 for the construction of a convention center – approximately \$10,000.000

1/6 to the general fund - \$3,333,333

Assumptions:

- Davidson County hotel/motel tax collections are approximately \$20,000,000 annually.
- Currently, a 5% hotel/motel tax in Davidson County.
- Provisions of the bill apply only to Davidson County.
- An increase in local government expenditures due to the administrative cost of implementing the provisions of the bill. Such increase is estimated to be not significant.
- No fiscal impact to the county for the authorizing actions required by the Metropolitan Council.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director